



**October 13, 2015**

**The Honorable Thomas Wheeler, Chairman  
The Honorable Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner  
The Honorable Ajit Pai, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner  
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner**

**Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554**

**In the Matter of  
New Charter - Time Warner Cable,  
MB Docket No. 15-149**

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner Pai, Commissioner Rosenworcel, and Commissioner O'Rielly:

The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) writes today to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to approve the pending transaction between Charter Communications and Time Warner Cable. TPA believes that this transaction will lead to increased investment in critical infrastructure at no cost to American taxpayers. This deal will also achieve other Commission policy goals without wasting public funds or introducing onerous regulations on the vibrant broadband industry.

TPA is a non-partisan non-profit organization that works to educate the public on how government policies impact the economy, with the belief that the public is best served by private sector solutions and innovations. With that mission in mind, the pending transaction between Charter Communications and Time Warner Cable should be allowed the due process of examination by the government, and the FCC in particular. However, there should be no doubt that this merger will respect the principles of choice and competition that TPA believes in, while allowing for increased opportunities and better service for consumers.

The new entity, New Charter, will provide a private sector answer to the challenge of ensuring that people in under-served and rural areas gain access to the latest technologies. The company is planning to build one million new line extensions into residential areas and invest more than \$2.5 billion into commercial areas beyond

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where they currently operate. This will deliver more competition into the cable broadband industry. The company is also planning to fully digitize the networks of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, which will create higher broadband speeds and more HD channels for its customers.

New Charter would serve less than 30 percent of the country's broadband subscribers who are currently equipped with 25/3 Mbps and above, and only 17 percent of the nation's video subscribers.

The private sector is already equipped to handle the challenges that are facing consumers. The FCC and other federal agencies should not stand in the way of progress that benefits businesses, consumers, taxpayers, and the economy. The FCC should recognize those challenges and shy away from picking winners and losers in the market.

We urge the FCC to complete the review process in a timely matter, and approve the pending deal.

Regards,



David Williams  
President